

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/26/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a FY 2014-15 through FY 2018-19 five year renewal contract (Clerk's file) with Dane Howalt, M.D. in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 per fiscal year to provide physician services to inmates at the County Jail. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign a FY 2014-19 renewal contract with Dane Howalt, M.D., in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 per fiscal year to provide physician services to inmates at the County Jail.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) GF / Public Safety Realignment	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$65,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$65,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent    { } Presentation                      { } Hearing (Time Est. ____ )    { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions    { X } Contracts    { } Ordinances    { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001430		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required            { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A    Date: <u>9/14/2010</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: August 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Request to approve a FY 2014-15 through FY 2018-19 five year renewal contract (Clerk's file) with Dane Howalt, M.D. in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 per fiscal year to provide physician services to inmates at the County Jail. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chairperson to sign a FY 2014-19 renewal contract with Dane Howalt, M.D., in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 per fiscal year to provide physician services to inmates at the County Jail.

## **DISCUSSION**

Dr. Howalt has been providing clinic services at the jail since 2003. Title 15 of the State of California Code of Regulations requires that County jail facilities ensure that emergency and basic health care services are provided to all inmates. To accomplish this, basic health care services typically include morning medical clinics offered Monday through Friday for 2-3 hours per clinic. An additional clinic day on Sunday afternoon is expected in the near future to address the backlog of inmates requesting to attend sick call over the weekend. Dr. Howalt is one of four rotating physicians providing clinic services at the jail.

Inmates are seen by a physician by request or follow up care ordered by the physician or nurse. Physicians provide appropriate medical instruction to the nurses regarding laboratory results, review inmate medical records from other medical providers, initiate medication renewal requests, and review inmate charts for appropriate medical care.

Additionally, jail physicians provide on-call consultation services for the nurses on duty as needed. Rotating physicians typically provide on-call services the same day as their scheduled clinic and sign up for weekend on-call for non-clinic days. On-call hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 24 hours on weekends and holidays.

In addition, Dr. Howalt provides consultation services for inmates with opiate addiction who are incarcerated while on buprenorphine treatment. It is advantageous for inmates who are taking buprenorphine medication to continue their medication while incarcerated. Disruption of buprenorphine medication may result in adverse side effects. The ordering and management of buprenorphine requires specific certification which Dr. Howalt has completed. Dr. Howalt will complete an initial assessment, order the medication, provide medication management/maintenance, and inmate counseling and education about the use of buprenorphine. In addition, Dr. Howalt provides casting services for inmates with simple fractures.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

County Counsel has reviewed the contract as to form and legal effect.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Dr. Howalt will receive a flat fee of \$250.00 for each scheduled medical clinic. This represents a \$7.45 or 3% increase from the prior five year contracted clinic rate of \$242.55. In addition, he will continue to receive \$50 for each weekday on-call, \$60 for

weekend and holiday on-call services, and a \$200 monthly fee for buprenorphine treatment and \$200 per case fee for specialty minor fracture care services. The contract amount is intentionally set high at \$65,000 in the event that other jail physician services are reduced and Dr. Howalt could be asked to increase his level of service at the jail.

## **RESULTS**

The recommended contract with Dr. Howalt meets the requirements of Title 15 of the State of California Code of Regulations. This contract meets the County's Community-wide Results for a Healthy Community: "The County will strive to ensure all people in our community enjoy healthy, successful and productive lives, and have access to the basic necessities."

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Clerk's File Statement for the FY 2014-19 renewal contract with Dane Howalt, MD.